

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. RPU-99-1
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ORDER RESCHEDULING HEARING

(Issued July 23, 1999)

On July 22, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S West), filed a "Motion For Cancellation Of Hearing." U S West states the parties to this proceeding are discussing modifications to the U S West proposed tariff at issue in this docket, modifications that could make a hearing in this docket unnecessary. U S West states: "Such discussions have reached the point that the parties believe the scheduled hearing should be cancelled. The parties request that the docket remain open to enable the filing of briefs should the parties be unable to reach agreement." Finally, U S West states the other parties have authorized U S West to file the motion on behalf of all parties.

The Board is concerned that if the hearing in this docket is cancelled, and no further procedures are scheduled, then the discussions concerning the proposed tariff may lag. In order to permit and encourage timely discussions, the Board finds it more appropriate to reschedule the hearing to a later date rather than cancel it outright. If the parties are able to resolve the issues in this docket and can file a proposed stipulation for Board review prior to the date of the rescheduled hearing,

then the hearing may be cancelled. Short of a proposed stipulation, however, the parties should prepare for hearing on the new date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The hearing in this docket originally scheduled for July 28, 1999, is rescheduled for October 13, 1999.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of July, 1999.